

REMARKS

Further consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter at dependent claims 3-5, 8-10 and 16-20 is appreciatively noted. The above amendment puts these dependent claims into self-standing independent form and they are, therefore, assumed to now be in fully allowed status.

In response to the rejection of claims 2 and 11-21 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, those claims still pending (and/or now incorporated into new claims) have been suitably amended so as to hopefully moot each of the stated grounds for rejection. It is, therefore, believed that all outstanding formality-based issues have also been resolved in the applicants' favor, thus leaving claims 3-5, 8-10 and 16-20 in fully allowed condition.

Should the Examiner find any continuing reason for formality-based objections/rejections, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be telephoned for prompt resolution.

The rejection of claims 1-2 and 6-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being made "obvious" based on Kwon in view of Adar is respectfully traversed – as is the rejection of claims 11, 12 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103 based on Triantafillou/Adar, the rejection of claims 13-15 based on Triantafillou/Adar in further view of Christiansen '008

and the rejection of claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103 based on Triantafillou/Adar in further view of Yemini '889. However, since all of these grounds of rejection have been mooted by the above amendments, it is not believed necessary at this time to provide detailed discussion of the deficiencies of these grounds of rejection.

For example, it will be noted that of the rejected claims, only claims 12, 14, 15 and 21 remain. Of those, claims 12, 15 and 21 now depend directly or indirectly from allowed claim 16. Claim 14 now depends from new claim 26 that will be seen to correspond to a combination of the features found in now cancelled claim 13 and allowed dependent claim 16.

The Examiner's attention is drawn to new independent claims 22-26 which will be seen to be based on, *inter alia*, prior allowed claims 3, 5, 8, 9 and/or 16 as noted below:

New claim 22 is based on claims 2 and 3;

New claim 23 is based on claims 2 and 5;

New claim 24 is based on claims 7 and 8;

New claim 25 is based on claims 7 and 9; and

New claim 26 is based on claims 13 and 16.

It is believed that these new combinations should be allowable for reasons similar to those underlying the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter at dependent claims 3-5, 8-10 and 16-20.

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Should the Examiner disagree and find any reason for continued rejection of the now pending new claims, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be telephoned so that an appropriate interview and exchange with the Examiner prior to any further written office action can be effected.

Accordingly, this entire application is now believed to be in allowable condition, and a formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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